petrochemical units are concerned, Indian Petrochemicals Corporation Limited (IPCL) is running educational institutes at Baroda and Nagothane, mainly for the benefit of their employees. Their details are as under:—

(i) Pre-Primary, Primary and Secondary Schools at Nagothane are managed by Deccan Education Society.

(ii) One Primary, Secondary and Higher Secondary Schools at Baroda are run by IPCL. In addition a Pre-Primary and a Primary and Secondary Schools established at Baroda are run by separate trusts.

These institutes admit outside students from surrounding areas depending on the availability of seats. However at Nagothane, admission is available to outside students subject to maximum of 20%.

The fees recovered from employees of IPCL for the education of their children are governed by agreements with the Trade Unions. In case of other students, the fees charged are generally in line with those fixed by the State Governments for non-grant-in-aid institutions. The entire expenses of running schools, other than those run by trusts, are borne by IPCL.

Implementation of Molasses Decontrol Order

476. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the implementation of the recently enacted Molasses Decontrol Order has been tardy and lacking in direction;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the decontrol of molasses has resulted in closure of many chemical units as also cattle feed units; and

(c) what steps are being taken to eliminate the confusion prevailing over the implementation of the Molasses Decontrol Order?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) The Molasses Control Order, 1961 which has been rescinded on the 10th June, 1993 provided for control over movement and price of molasses. After it has been rescinded, no Central Control Order for molasses is in existence.

There is no report of closure of cattle feed units. However, a few chemical units are reported to have closed down but this is not necessarily due to decontrol of molasses only.

Dumping of Bulk Drugs of Chinese Origin in India

477. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that dumping of bulk drugs of Chinese origin in the Indian markets is causing concern to domestic producers of bulk drugs;

(b) whether Government have received any representation from the Organisation of Pharmaceutical Producers of India (OPPI) pleading for imposition of anti-dumping duty on bulk drugs of Chinese origin; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) There are reports from drug manufacturers and their Associations alleging dumping of bulk drugs of Chinese origin in the Indian market which is causing concern to the domestic producers. In this context, a representation from Organisation of Pharmaceutical Producers of India (OPPI) and Indian Drug Manufacturers Association (IDMA) has been received. They have been advised to approach the Designated Authority for Anti-Dumping in the Ministry of Commerce with complete information.

भारतीय कृषक उर्वरक सहकारी लिमिटेड, आंगोला

478. **श्री आजीत जोगी** : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि इस समय आंगोला स्थित भारतीय कृषक उर्वरक सहकारी लिमिटेड का विस्तार कार्यक्रम किस चरण में है?

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एडुआर्डो फेलेरियो) : इंडियन फारमर्स फर्टिलाइजर कोआपरेटिव लि. (इफको) उत्तर प्रदेश में आंवला स्थित अपने गैस पर आधारित उर्वरक संयंत्र की क्षमता को दुगना करने की योजना बना रहे हैं। प्रस्ताव पर सरकार द्वारा अग्रिम अवस्था में विचार किया जा रहा है। इफको ने, इस बीच निम्नलिखित परियोजना पूर्व कार्यकलाप किए हैं:—

(1) आंवला विस्तार परियोजना उद्योग मंत्रालय के पास 17-5-1993 को पंजीकृत कराया गया है।

(2) परियोजना के लिए गैस की आपूर्ति के लिए ठेके पर गैस प्राधिकरण तथा इफको ने 19-5-1993 को हस्ताक्षर किए हैं। गैस प्राधिकरण को 4.335 करोड़ रुपए जमा तथा 13.005 करोड़ रुपए की बैंक गारंटी भी प्रदान की गयी है।

(3) परियोजना के लिए पर्यावरणात्मक मंजूरी पर्यावरण एवं वन मंत्रालय तथा उत्तर प्रदेश राज्य प्रदूषण नियंत्रण बोर्ड दोनों से प्राप्त की गयी है ।

Acquisition of shares in Paradeep Phosphates Ltd.

479. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI N. GIRIPRASAD:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have acquired the Nauru's Stake in the Paradeep Phosphates Ltd. at a cost of 68.3 million Australian Dollars;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that Paradeep Phosphates Ltd. is running at loss since its inception in 1986;

(c) if so, what factors have necessitated the Government to acquire the Nauru's Stakes in the company; and

(d) what plans are proposed to run the PPL profitably?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Paradeep Phosphates Limited (PPL) has been incurring losses ever since it commenced commercial production in August, 1986, except in 1988-89 and 1991-92 when it earned profits of Rs. 12.02 crores and Rs. 13.08 crores, respectively.

(c) The Government of Nauru have been expressing their desire to withdraw from the company and sell their equity to the Government of India or its nominee.

(d) With the announcement of a concession of Rs. 1000 per tonne on the sale of indigenously manufactured DAP during the current Kharif Season, PPL would be in a position to sell DAP in competition with the imported DAP. This will help PPL to reduce its losses.

Import duty cut on some drugs

480. SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the drugs on which import duty has been curtailed in the 1993 Budget and whether the Drug producing firms have reduced the prices to reflect the cut in the duty, if so, the names of such drugs;

(b) Whether Government have made any survey to ensure that the reduction of duty is reflected in the retail prices of the drugs; and

(c) if so, what are the findings and what action has been proposed where the reduction in duty has not been passed on to the consumers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) In the budget announced for the year 1993-94, the following changes have been announced regarding customs duty on bulk drugs:—

(i) Customs duty on four bulk drugs has been reduced from 110% to 80%.

(ii) Customs duty on four bulk drugs has been reduced from 110-80% to 25%.

(iii) The customs duty on bulk drugs used in the manufacture of life saving drugs and medicines as specified in Notification No. 208/81-Cus dated 22-9-81 has been exempted and Notification No. 45/79-Cus dated 1-3-79, vide which custom duty exemption was granted on various bulk drugs, has been rescinded.

(iv) The maximum general duty slab on bulk drugs has also been reduced from 110 to 85%.

The names of such bulk drugs are given in the respective Notifications issued by Ministry of Finance on 28-2-93, copy of which are available in the Parliament Library.

Due to reduction of custom duty on various bulk drugs and drug intermediates/raw materials as announced in the budget for the year 1993-94, the Government has reduced the prices of 35 bulk drugs under price control on 17-6-93. Due to the impact of reduction in prices of these bulk drugs, BICP has been asked to work out the revised prices of formulations based on these drugs. For the purpose of reducing the prices of non-scheduled drugs and formulations based thereon, the matter has been taken up with the Industry Associations.

Manufacture of Gentamycin

481. SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: